

CHARLES WIGERT.

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Mr. BALL, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6023.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6023) granting an increase of pension to Charles Wigert, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

This soldier, now 65 years of age, who served as a private in Company B, One hundred and thirty-ninth New York Infantry, from August 19, 1862, to June 19, 1865, when honorably discharged, was pensioned in September, 1890, at \$20 per month on account of severe deafness of left ear and slight deafness of the right ear of accepted service origin.

He has never applied for an increase of pension.

The certificate of medical examination of December 20, 1889, the only one in the case, described no disability aside from deafness.

Medical testimony filed with your committee shows that the soldier has been a severe sufferer from acute dysentery and chronic intestinal indigestion and neurasthenia; that he is incurable and totally disabled and unable to perform manual labor of any kind; that he is partially deaf and his sight partially impaired.

Other proof filed with your committee shows that he has no real or personal property and no means of support except his pension.

In view of the above an increase of the soldier's pension from \$20 to \$30 per month seems proper.

The passage of the bill is recommended.

